



City of Freeport  
4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Rules and Regulations  
Parade Date: Monday, July 4, 2022 at 4:00pm

Welcome to the parade! The parade is held in the late afternoon leading to the City Cookout and the Fireworks area at the Freeport Regional Sports Complex.

1. This year Freeport will celebrate Independence Day with a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.
2. The deadline for parade entry is Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 5:00pm. The parade route map, staging area map, parade rules and regulations, safety briefing and guidance can be downloaded from the City of Freeport website - [freeportflorida.gov](http://freeportflorida.gov) Unit parade positions will be given at the staging area check-in point the day of the parade.
3. Each entry must be submitted on an official parade entry form, only one unit application per form. Please ensure you have included both the application and required signed Liability Disclaimer.
4. The Freeport Parade Committee will assign parade positions for all units. Placement will be determined for the most pleasant, smooth-running parade possible.
5. No one younger than age 7 will be allowed to walk in the parade.
6. No bullhorns will be allowed.
7. Float height should not exceed 14-feet due to power lines.
8. There must be an adult for each float or entry and this person shall remain with the entry during the entire parade whether children are part of the entry or not.
9. Fire Extinguishers will be required for each float.
10. No one will be permitted to get on or off a float or entry once it has started down the parade route.  
Exceptions: Only performing units as approved in writing by the Parade Committee.
11. No parade participant will be allowed to have a loaded firearm at any time.
12. No smoking or alcoholic beverages will be allowed on any parade entry at any time before or during the parade.
13. Any entry utilizing a motor vehicle must have working taillights.
14. Motorized entries should not have excessive smoke.
15. All items on an entry should be secure to protect against participant tripping hazards or hazard from falling off the entry into the spectators.
16. No sharp edges.
17. All drivers are required to have a proper and valid driver's license, be at least 18 years old, and possess vehicle liability insurance.
18. Motorcycle clubs are not allowed to perform any type of stunts along the parade route.
19. The following are requirements for riders on all flatbed float entries:
  - May not sit with feet hanging over the sides
  - May not sit with their back to the edge of the float unless retaining walls are present
  - May only stand towards the middle of the float provided using handhold devices
  - No more than 5 people may be standing at a time
20. Pickup floats will ensure participants on the float are seated, standing only if appropriate hand holds and other safety precautions are taken to protect against injury to participants and spectators.
21. All parade participants are encouraged to throw or handout objects but with caution. Items may not be thrown directly at spectators. They may be lofted in the air or thrown at spectators' feet.

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22. The parade will end at the Freeport Regional Sports Complex (Hammock Bay). We invite parade participants and spectators to please stay and enjoy the City Cookout and the Firework Festivities.
23. Standing parade participants on moving vehicles or platforms must have a sturdy support, handholds, belt restraint, or other means to prevent a fall from the unit.
24. Patriotic theme music is suggested.
25. The Parade Committee's decision regarding all entries is final.
26. All horse entries must secure and provide a cleanup crew to immediately follow the entry.
27. Entries must be entertaining to a family audience, primarily children.